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Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

8/15/2022 1:00 pm

In Attendance

Advisory Committee Members: Fay Alexander, Lilian Amaya, Rosario Campos, Kevin Contreras, Griselda Funn, Katie Gilligan, Kim Hiner, Robin Hollar, Rebecca Jones, Elizabeth Kromm, Bettye Muwwakkil, Yanna Rachinskaya, Samantha Sailsman, Lashelle Stewart, Tiffany Scott

MDH: Tina Backe, Adrienne Taylor, Brett Felter, Sara Seitz, Alphius Sesay, Erica White-Johnson, Miranda Ouellette

Welcome and Roll Call

Tina Backe, Coordinator CHW Program, OPHI

Welcomed everyone and advised that there is a Spanish call-in line available. Comments can be entered in the chat box in English or Spanish. Roll call taken.

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, MPH, Acting Director, OPHI:

Thanked everyone for joining. Updates today include State Grants, updates from Miranda Ouellette from PHPA, Tiffany Scott with the MD CHW Association, Sara Seitz with Office of Rural Health CHW Employer Survey, Erica White Johnson with CHW professional development website and thoughts for upcoming meetings.

Farewell and Thank you

Kimberly Hiner: Farewell and thank you to Bradley Tritsch for his service.

Public member familiar with CHW services seat is open. Applications accepted until August 31, 2022.

CDC NOFO

Kimberly Hiner:

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Strengthening US Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce and Data Systems. The grant application due August 15, 2022. for this 5 year grant. MDH applied.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Tina Backe: A quorum was not reached at the last meeting. One spelling error was noted from Fay Alexander for the May 16, 2022 minutes.

April 4, 2022- Motion to approve Fay Alexander, seconded Tiffany Scott, approved by general consensus.

May 16, 2022- Motion to approve Griselda Funn, seconded Robin Hollar approved by general consensus.

CDC 2109 Grant Update

Miranda Ouellette, MPH, CHES, Inclusion Coordinator, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control:

Year 1 Updates- Train

The Health Equity and Resilience Ad Hoc work group meets regularly. CHWs working in Allegany, Dorchester, and Somerset counties completed Maryland CHW certification programs. A contractor was identified to develop the Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health specialty training resources.

Year 1 Updates- Deploy

The local health departments in each of the three target jurisdictions (Allegany, Dorchester and Somerset) onboarded at least two CHWs to work on the COVID-19 response.

Year 1 Updates- Engage

The 2109 CHW Tracking Tool went live in June 2022 which captures individual client data.

Year 2 begins August 31, 2022. Goals: Complete community resilience assessment; develop two additional specialty training curricula; work with MD healthcare organizations to expand referral services with CHWs.

Community Health Worker Certification Update

Tina Backe: CHW Certifications 1104, Certifications based on training 208, Certificates renewed 365, Total Certifications 1469

Certified Training Program Accreditation update

Tina Backe: Applications in review process 8, Accreditations 12

List of accredited training programs is on the website.

CHW Professional Development Opportunities Webpage

Erica White-Johnson, MPH, Program Administrator, OPHI:

The webpage lists trainings/webinars which qualify for 20 hours of professional development required for certificate renewal. The listings are free to low cost and not time sensitive.

Maryland Community Health Worker Association

Tiffany Scott, CCHW, President:

Maryland CHW Association is for and run by CHWs. The hope is to unify CHWs for warm handoffs and support, empower and diversity the CHW workforce.

Accomplishments- Membership over 100, monthly meetings third Wednesdays, CHW Skills training every other month. Meetings count towards 20 hours of professional development for CHW certificate renewal.

Is It Morning For You Yet?, an opportunity for CHWs to share what they see in their work. Monument opens at Carnegie International on September 24, 2022. Monument will go to national museums worldwide, part of the monument includes CHW pictures, storytelling and a research study.

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CHW Grant Opportunities and Contract Update

Gabrielle Nichols:

CDC Disparities Grant Updates- National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Public Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities

CHW Grant Awards- BPM028105: Community Health Worker Training Program Development, Accreditation, and Implementation; BPM028117: Accredited Community Health Worker Certification Training Programs - COVID-19 Module Development, Implementation and Training

Maryland Area Health Education Center awarded “Community Health Worker Specialty Training Resources and Materials Development.” Specialty training curricula are: Behavioral Health; Chronic Disease Management: Asthma; Geriatrics; Infectious Disease: COVID-19; Maternal and Child Health.

CHW and CHW Employer Survey

Sara Seitz, MPH, Director, State Office of Rural Health, OPHI

Two surveys distributed in summer 2021: CHW Survey and CHW Employer Survey.

Respondents included 206 CHWs and 63 employers. Once finalized the full summary will be made available. See meeting PPT for summary of key results.

Meeting Adjourned

Tina Backe- Thanks to CHWs and those who support them.

Tiffany Scott- motion to Adjourn; Fay Alexander seconded; By General Consensus the meeting was adjourned.
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